

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.



This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Please visit our website 2ndpreslou.org to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to visit our website and learn about our life at Second.



Children of God, welcome home!

*Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices
to honor the sanctity of our worship.*

For our worshippers at 11 a.m. with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our worshipers at 11 a.m. who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Bold type indicates where we share the liturgy together.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

11 a TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C

William Boyce

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Since By Man Came Death from *MESSIAH*

G.F. Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. - *1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
vss. 1-3

HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION *read in unison*

**God of grace, we give you thanks for all the wonders of your creation:
the joy in a baby's first smile; the promises of spring unfolding around us;
the beauty of a sunrise. They lift our hearts and inspire us to give you
praise. May the gift of Jesus Christ lift our hearts this day, as well, as we
see your mercies poured out on us anew. Hear in worship the love that we
have for you, O God, and renew our hope in the resurrection.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Time for silent prayer.

*RESPONSE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

vs. 4

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward;
they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-9

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 9:10-20

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Would We Go?

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH read in unison

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website. You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!



Ricky Case, tenor; Mengfei Xu, piano

He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may rise.
“Come unto me,” our Savior said. “Ye weary, come, I’ll give you rest.”
From stable room to manger bed to paradise forever blessed.

*Refrain: Made like him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies; light
and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.*

“Come, all who thirst, be satisfied with water I alone can give.” Upon the
cross, “I thirst,” he cried, conquering death that we might live! (*Refrain*)

“When in the shadow, do not fear. I am your light, your lamp, your sun.” The
sting of death shall disappear. The fight is fought! The battle won! (*Refrain*)

He came down that we may rise. -*Tom Trenney, 2018*

*RESPONSE HYMN 137 *stand when invited* *He Came Down, vs. 1* HE CAME DOWN

**He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah, forevermore!**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we thank you ... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit ... the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament.
A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates.
You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass
the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Mengfei Xu, organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

vss. 1-3, 5

Reharmonization by George Shearing

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

8:30 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

arr. Craig Phillips


11 Toccata on "Amazing Grace"

Christopher Pardini



We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.


260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus




1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

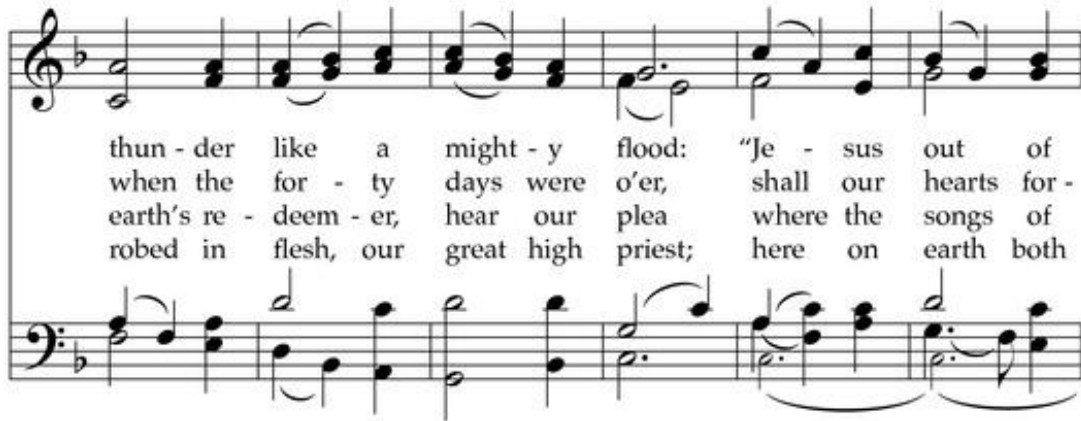



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both



ev - every na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast."

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóíiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da ní't'éé.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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AMAZING GRACE
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In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are created and given by Marilyn and Gordon Duke in honor of Michael Berry.

USHERS

8:30 Dennis Dolan

11:00 Connie Smith, Elaine Duncan, Tony Duncan, Jane Roth, Sandy Bailey,
Kitty deVoogd

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Elizabeth Clay, liturgist; Emily Lawrence, lay reader (11)

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11)

Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Mengfei Xu, Organist

11 a.m. Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Jean Maxwell on her death, 04/17/25.

The family of Clayton Neff on his death, 04/13/25.

The family of Gigi Dunn on her death, 04/12/25.

The family of Terry Wells on her death, 04/10/25.

The family of Mary Agnes Norman on her death, 03/26/25.

Aaron and Whitney Watt and family on the death of his father, Peter Watt, 03/19/25,

David Ellerbusch and family on the death of his wife, Bertha Ellersbusch, 03/01/25.

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